EYE OF THE BEHOLDER & THE SECRET OF MONKEY ISLAND (Storming through)

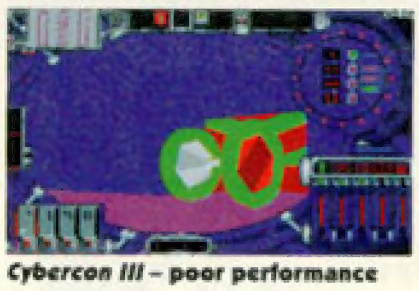
No sooner had these two clambered to the top of the chart than publisher US Gold were releasing details of sequels. From SSI comes *Eye of the Beholder II*, which the San Francisco strategy specialists reckon will be ready before the end of this year. SSI have their work cut out for them – we're waiting for two other major projects to be completed, namely *Buck Rogers* and *Gateway to the Savage Frontier*.

According to US Gold, *Beholder* has sold twice as many as had been predicted (figures of 20,000 have been touted although that's for the PC as well as on the Amiga).

Monkey Island, which last month made an appearance at number ten, is to be followed by *Le-Chuck's Revenge* (Le-Chuck being the ghostly adversary from the first game). That won't be here until February at the earliest because, in fairness, Lucasfilm are up to their ears in the likes of *Indiana Jones IV* (that's the game of the movie that never was) and something called *Dark Horse*, which is apparently based on a number of American comic book heroes.

CYBERCON III (Surprisingly slow)

US Gold's bumper month was spoiled slightly by *Cybercon III*'s absolute refusal to make it anywhere near the top twenty. An entry placing of 53 is pretty dismal for a game that's scooped just about every accolade magazine reviewers can splash



Cybercon III – poor performance

out. The fact that it had only been out for half of the time covered by the survey goes some way to explaining it's poor performance, but you'd have expected more life from this 3D extravaganza (which we gave 88 per cent). Maybe 3D has fallen out of vogue.

Meanwhile, programming team The Assembly Line, are busying themselves with a huge project for Disney (no less). We understand that the game involves aeroplanes, but beyond that it's all a bit of a mystery...

3D CONSTRUCTION KIT (Dismal showing, but why is it here?)

Domark's games creation program illustrates the danger of shoving a piece of software which isn't strictly, or even loosely, a game into a games chart. Dealers report sales far higher than the chart position suggests, and Domark claim it is outperforming even their biggest selling game to date, *MiG 29*. AMIGA POWER praised the program with an 80 per cent rating, and buyers seem to agree. Domark's Claire Edgeley explains: 'It's not something that will be

AMIGA POWER GALLUP CHARTS

AMIGA TOP 100

***** Exceptional ***** Nearly there **** Very good *** Has its moments ** Flawed * Dire

1 (12) EYE OF THE BEHOLDER US Gold £30.99 *****
2 (10) THE SECRET OF MONKEY ISLAND US Gold £29.99 *****
3 (4) FANTASY WORLD DIZZY Code Masters £6.99 ****
4 (NE) KICK OFF – WINNING TACTICS Anco £12.99
5 (6) PGA TOUR GOLF Electronic Arts £25.99 *****
6 (NE) LOMBARD RAC RALLY Hit Squad £7.99 ***
7 (NE) F15 STRIKE EAGLE II MicroProse £29.99 *****
8 (NE) 3D POOL Mirror Image £9.99 ****
9 (13) NORTH AND SOUTH Action Sixteen £7.99 ****
10 (21) HERO QUEST Gremlin ****

11 (3) DEFENDER OF THE CROWN
Mirror Image £9.99 ***
12 (8) LEMMINGS
Psygnosis*****
13 (NE) XENON II
Mirror Image £9.99 ****
14 (20) TREASURE ISLAND DIZZY
Code Masters £4.99 ****
15 (NE) TOKI Ocean £24.99 *****
16 (7) MIAMI CHASE Code Masters £7.99 ****
17 (11) LITTLE PUFF IN DRAGONLAND
Code Masters £6.99 **
18 (NE) FULL CONTACT Team 17 £9.99
19 (1) ARMOUR-GEDDON
Psygnosis £25.99 ****
20 (9) NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £6.99
21 (37) CARRIER COMMAND
Mirror Image £9.99 *****
22 (NE) RAILROAD TYCOON
MicroProse £34.99 ****
23 (18) SPEEDBALL 2 Image Works £24.99 *****
24 (2) GODS Renegade £25.53 *****
25 (NE) SWITCH BLADE 2 Gremlin £25.99 *****
26 (NE) CENTURION Electronic Arts £24.99 ***
27 (NE) CRICKET SIMULATOR
Soundware £24.99
28 (23) FINAL WHISTLE Anco £12.99 ****
29 (22) STEVE DAVIS WORLD SNOOKER
CDS £9.99 **
30 (25) INTERNATIONAL KARATE +
Hit Squad £7.99 *****
31 (16) SHERMAN M4 Action 16 £29.99 ***
32 (40) CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
Code Masters £6.99 **
33 (33) KICK OFF + EXTRA TIME
Anco £7.99 *****
34 (14) ROCKET RANGER
Mirror Image £9.99 ****
35 (NE) LIFE AND DEATH
Mindscape £25.53 ***
36 (25) KICK OFF 2 Anco £24.99 *****
37 (19) WORLD CLASS LEADERBOARD
Kixx £7.99 *****
38 (33) EUROPEAN SUPERLEAGUE
CDS £24.99 **
39 (24) SWIV Storm £24.99 *****
40 (5) CHUCK ROCK
Core Design £25.54 *****
41 (26) MEGA TRAVELLER 1
Empire £29.99 *****
42 (33) SPEEDBALL
Mirror Image £9.99 *****
43 (42) PANZA KICK BOXING
US Gold £24.99 *
44 (46) FORGOTTEN WORLDS
Kixx £7.99 ***
45 (47) FAST FOOD Code Masters £6.99 ***
46 (28) CALIFORNIA GAMES
Kixx £7.99 **
47 (29) SUPER MONACO GRAND PRIX
US Gold £25.53 ***
48 (NE) PREDATOR The Hit Squad £7.99 **
49 (53) THE RUNNING MAN
Grandslam £7.99 **
50 (NE) THE THREE STOOGES
Mirror Image £9.99 **
51(39) VIZ Virgin £24.99 *
52 (NE) GOLD OF THE AZTECS
US Gold £29.99 ****
53 (NE) CYBERCON 3
US Gold £29.99 *****
54 (36) F19 STEALTH FIGHTER
MicroProse £29.99 ****

55 (NE) SIM CITY/ POPULOUS
Infogrames £29.99 *****
56 (43) SUPER SCRAMBLE SIMULATOR
Kixx £9.99 **
57 (45) SUPER HANG-ON
The Hit Squad £7.99 ****
58 (NE) BUDOKAN Electronic Arts £25.99 ***
59 (NE) SPIRIT OF EXCALIBUR
Virgin £29.99 **
60 (57) CLASSIC FOUR Energize £6.99 **
61(50) OPERATION WOLF
The Hit Squad £7.99 ****
62 (35) R-TYPE The Hit Squad £7.99 ***
63 (67) POWERMONGER
Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
64 (34) DALEY THOMPSON'S OLYMPICS
The Hit Squad £7.99 **
65 (NE) SUPERCARS II
Gremlin £19.99 ***
66 (NE) A10 TANK KILLER
Sierra On-Line £34.99 ***
67 (78) VIGILANTE Kixx £7.99 *
68 (72) SUPER GRAND PRIX
Code Masters £9.99 **
69 (NE) PREDATOR II Mirrorsoft £25.99 **
70 (NE) VIOLATOR Code Masters £7.99 ***
71 (63) SWITCHBLADE Kixx £7.99 ****
72 (44) GAUNTLET II Kixx £7.99 ****
73 (90) AXEL'S MAGIC HAMMER Kixx £9.99 **
74 (88) TEENAGE MUTANT HERO TURTLES
Image Works £24.99 *
75 (27) WONDERLAND Virgin £30.64 ***
76 (NE) ENGLAND CHAMP SPECIAL
Grand Slam £25.99
77 (30) MOONWALKER Kixx £7.99 *
78 (29) BRAT Image Works £25.99 ***
79 (56) AFTERBURNER The Hit Squad £7.99 *
80 (31) POWER UP Ocean £29.99 ****
81 (NE) STRIKE FORCE HARRIER
Mirror Image £9.99 **
82 (NE) BLUE MAX Mindscape £29.99 **
83 (NE) WAR ZONE Prism Leisure £2.99
84 (NE) WIZBALL The Hit Squad £7.99 ****
85 (58) TOP CAT Hi-Tec £6.99 **
86 (48) LAST NINJA 2 The Hit Squad £7.99 **
87 (86) HOTSHOT Kixx £7.99 ***
88 (69) 3D CONSTRUCTION KIT
Domark £49.99 ****
89 (91) TRACK SUIT MANAGER
Alternative £7.99 **
90 (NE) ESWAT
US Gold £24.99 *
91 (NE) STRIP POKER AND DATA DISK
Anco £19.99
92 (NE) CRICKET CAPTAIN
D&H Games £24.99
93 (66) THE BARD'S TALE 3
Electronic Arts £25.99 **
94 (NE) INTERCEPTOR
Classic Collection £10.99 ****
95 (82) YOGI AND THE GREED MONSTER
Hi-Tec £7.99 **
96 (79) OUT RUN Klassix £7.99 **
97 (89) PRO TENNIS TOUR 2
Ubi soft £24.99 ****
98 (73) FC MANAGER
Energize £6.99
99 (71) MOONSHINE RACERS
Millennium £29.99 **
100 (96) POWER PACK
Beau Jolly £24.99

3D Construction Kit – chartable?

extremely popular over a two week period, and then everyone forgets all about it. We expect this to still be popular in a year's time. You have to remember that this is more of a utility than a game.' She pointed out that it is often being bought in stores not audited by Gallup.

Since the chart is not representing the program in a fair light, one wonders if it should be represented at all?

WHO'S WINNING?

You're probably getting real sick of hearing about how much the summer sucks for games, but when titles such as the top two are cleaning up, the argument doesn't really hold water. This month's chart is split almost exactly 50/50 between full price and budget games, with most of the cheapos languishing in the less fashionable regions at the bottom. Gallup reckons the budgeteers will be making more of an impression as the weather improves and names like Code Masters, Kixx and The Hit Squad could feature even more prominently next month.

THE AMIGA POWER CHARTS: HOW THEY'RE WORKED OUT

- The Amiga Power charts are put together for us by Gallup (the folk who do the BBC pop charts among many others) based on a continuing survey of sales in a wide cross section of shops up and down the country – both independent computer stores and large chains like WH Smith. As such they're the most comprehensive charts it's possible to bring you. Doing thing's so comprehensively takes time, though – the chart above relates to sales during the May/June period.
- There's no dividing the charts into 'Budget' and 'Full Price' sections for us – we're sure you're perfectly capable of doing that for yourselves if you want to – so the list you see here includes games at every price point. This way, you can see just how important budget sales are to the overall market – at this time of year, with few big name titles being released, very important indeed.
- Each game is rated out of five stars (five red stars for the really, really excellent ones) using the same system as in The Bottom Line, to give you some idea of how good the things that are selling really are. Games which don't get any stars aren't necessarily total rubbish – they just happen to be the ones we've never really played, so can't properly comment on. Having said that though, there has to be a reason why nobody in the office has ever found it within themselves to sit down with them, hasn't there..?